

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for treating a cartilage or bone pathology, the method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a retinoid receptor agonist, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said retinoid receptor agonist is an RAR receptor agonist, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said RAR receptor agonist is an RAR $\alpha\beta\gamma$ receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein said pathology is a skeletal dysplasia.
5. A method for ameliorating the symptoms associated with a cartilage or bone pathology, the method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a retinoid receptor agonist.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein said retinoid receptor antagonist is an RAR receptor agonist.
7. The method of claim 5, wherein said RAR receptor agonist is an RAR $\alpha\beta\gamma$ receptor agonist.
8. A method for stimulating ossification by osteoprogenitor cells and osteoblasts, the method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a retinoid receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein said retinoid receptor agonist is an RAR receptor agonist, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
10. The method of claim 8, wherein said RAR receptor agonist is an RAR $\alpha\beta\gamma$ receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein said pathology is osteoporosis.